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Ms. Betty Sue Morris, Chairman
Board of Clark County Commissioners
1300 Franklin Street
Vancouver, WA 98666-5000

Board of Commissioners

RE: Your Phase I Municipal Stormwater General Permit Letter for Clark County

Dear Ms. Morris:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your recent letter of February 13, 2008 regarding the delay in submitting the required draft documents to the Department of Ecology. The documents that were required to be submitted by February 19, 2008 included the draft ordinance, technical standards and manual for our review and comment. I have personally attended most of the meetings of the Stakeholders Advisory Committee, the Clean Water Commission as well as working sessions of the Board of County Commissioners and appreciate the extensive involvement of your staff and the difficulties in reaching a consensus on some of these issues.

As a Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permittee, Clark County is required to submit a Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) covering the term of the permit. This SWMP should as a minimum meet all of the requirements listed in section S5.C. Additional actions may be required by Clark County to meet section S7, Compliance with Total Maximum Daily Load Requirements, where applicable.

There are two additional critical technical issues that must be addressed. First, section S5.C.5.b.ii requires permittees to "...document how the criteria.... or cite this choice as their sole documentation to meet this requirement." Second, section S5.C.5.b.iv states that: "Permittees shall provide detailed, written justification of any of the requirements which differ from those contained in Appendix 1 of this permit." This documentation needs to be submitted as well.

I will continue to attend the meetings of the Stakeholders Advisory Committee, the Clean Water Commission, the Board of County Commissioners and other advisory groups working on the Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit requirements. I am always available to provide technical assistance regarding permit requirements to your staff.

Ms. Betty Sue Morris

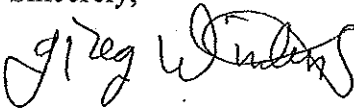
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We look forward to the submission of the draft enforceable requirements, technical standards and manual to the Department of Ecology by March 31, 2008 and the formal adoption of the Phase I Municipal Stormwater ordinance by August 16, 2008.

Thank you for providing us with the additional information. If you or your staff have any questions about the permit or this letter please contact me at 360-690-7120 or by e-mail at: gwin461@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Winters", is written over the typed name.

Greg Winters
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